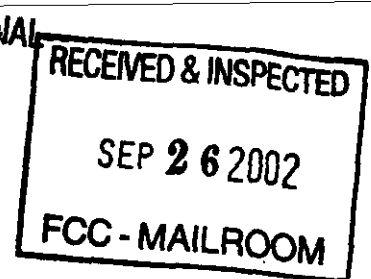


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Federal Communication Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington , DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver
CC Docket number 96-45 and 97-21
Application Number 313964
Funding Year 2002-2003

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request a waiver on our appeal for internal connections on Video conferencing equipment. Our appeal is justified because our original funding request falls within the guidelines of eligible services, as defined on the SLD web site. Unfortunately, Howard Gerber our technology coordinator, was forced to take an emergency medical leave of absence. This prevented him from filing the appeal in a timely fashion.

I hope this waiver can be granted, and the appeal entertained. This funding affords our students the opportunity to learn and grow. I feel that the loss of this funding denies them this educational resource that they otherwise deserve. Please assist us in preventing the students from suffering the consequences of this unfortunate event.

Regards,



Scott DeCarolis

FRN	822199
Form 471 #	313964
Applicant	St. Patrick School
Address	509 Bramhall Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07304
Entity #	7341
Contact	Scott DeCarolis 201-594-1670 ext 202 scottd@futuregeninc.com
Funding Yr.	2002 (07/01/2002 – 06/30/2003)
Contract #	SLD-765

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Administrator's Decision on Appeal

August 27, 2002

Howard Gerber
St Patrick School
509 Bramhall Avenue
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Re: Application Number: 313964
Funding Year: 2002-2003
Date of Issuance of {Rejection Letter
/Postcard Notification/Funding
Commitment Letter}: 05/07/2002
Date Appeal Received: 08/26/2002

Our records show that your appeal was received more than 60 days after the date your Form 471 Certification-Rejection Letter was issued (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to submit appeals so USAC/SLD receives them within 60 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. (See "Appeals Procedure" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/AppealsProcedureYR4.asp>) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you wish to continue this process, you may submit a new appeal via the United States Postal Service, stating the impediment to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

If you are submitting your appeal to the FCC by means other than the United States Postal Service, check the SLD web site for more information. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. **The FCC must RECEIVE your appeal WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER for your appeal to be considered filed in a timely fashion.** Further information and new options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site, www.sl.universalservice.org, or by contacting the Client Service Bureau at 1-(888)-203-8100.

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Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
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Whippany, NJ 07981

To Whom It May Concern,

We recently received notification that funding for the internal connections of Video Conferencing equipment has been denied. According to information in internal connections CC DOCKET NO. 96-45, a Master Control Unit (MCU) is a device that controls the main operating functions of a video system. An MCU is eligible for discount if used in the transport of information for individual classrooms or publicly accessible rooms of a library. It is ineligible if used as end-user equipment.

A multipoint Control Unit (MCU) is a bridging or switching device used in support of multipoint videoconferencing. It is eligible for discount if used in the transport of information for individual classrooms or publicly accessible rooms of a library.

The PolyCom equipment will be use for transportation of information for individual classrooms. CODEC allows for a single display connection and transmission over IP at speeds of 64kbps-768kbps in a point-to-point call or 64kbps-384kbps in an ISDN BRI (H.320) point to point call.

However, in your decision explanation it is stated the products used must not exceed more than 30%. The price of \$11,900.00 was for installation and configuration of these units. In deducting \$1,699 for the camera and microphone, we thus submit our cost of \$10,300.00. The unit installed was in accordance with the specifications of the SLD for reimbursement. Please refer to the following information when reviewing your decision.

FRN	822199
Form 471 #	313964
Applicant	St. Patrick School
Address	509 Bramhall Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07304
Entity #	7341
Contact	Sr. Maeve McDermott
Funding Yr.	2002 (07/01/2002 - 06/30/2003)
Contract #	SLD-765

We respectfully submit this information for your consideration of appeal for services rendered by our company. Thank you in advance for prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely, _

Howard Gerber
Technology Coordinator Consultant